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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM' S TRAVEL PLANS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 27 PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM INDICATED HIS TRAVEL PLANS FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE WAS ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD BE GOING TO WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE. VERBATIM RESPONSE GIVEN BELOW INDICATES LIKELIHOOD HE WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON AND/ OR NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT TO CANADA IN EARLY AUGUST FOR COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE WHITLAM' S RESPONSES TO TWO QUESTIONS IN PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 27 RELATED TO HIS TRAVEL TO NORTH AMERICA SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST:

" Q. WILL YOU BE GOING TO WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

" A. I WILL BE IN NORTH AMERICA IN AUGUST. IT' S VERY LIKELY THAT I WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON AND/ OR NEW YORK.

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" Q. HAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ISSUED AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO VISIT WASHINGTON?

" A. ONE WOULD EXPECT ONE WOULD, BUT THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY ARRANGEMENTS OR APPROACHES."

3 . ABOVE TWO QUESTIONS CAME AT END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. WHITLAM IN PREPARED STATEMENT AT BEGINNING OF PRESS CONFERENCE GAVE FOLLOWING ADDITIOGREED TO COME TO ANKARA FOR PURPOSE. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST PARA ONE REFTEL FOR ISTANBUL SPEAKER, DR. HUETER INFORMS US THAT IN COURSE OF ISTANBUL PROCEEDINGS ALL FOUR US PANEL MEMBERS WILLING MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE THURSDAY, APRIL 26 - SECOND DAY OF MEETING - FOR CULTURAL CENTER LUNCHEON FOR DISCUSSION WITH LOCAL LEADERS PER REFTEL, IF THIS USEFUL AND AGREEABLE TO USIS ISTANBUL. BELIEVE THIS GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR USIS TO HIGHLIGHT OVERALL PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF CCMS AIR POLLUTION PILOT STUDY AND WORK OF PANEL AT THIS MEETING IN ISTANBUL, AS WELL AS TO HELP GENERATE INCREASED TURKISH ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND TO SIGNAL US ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES. WHILE DR. HUETER ET ALL ARE OF COURSE PROFESSIONALLY FAMILIAR WITH BROADER RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THEY ARE ESPECIALLY VERSED IN AIR POLLUTION PROBLEMS AND WOULD EXPECT TO ADDRESS THOSE IN PARTICULAR. DR. HUETER ASSUMES THAT NO FORMAL PRESENTATION IS CALLED FOR ON THIS OCCASION. USIS MIGHT WISH CONSIDER PANEL FORMAT , WITH FEW INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FROM CHAIRMAN, AND GENERAL DISCUSSION PROMPTED BY QUESTIONS FROM TURKS AND OTHERS PRESENT. WOULD WELCOME ANY THOUGHT POST HAS ON THIS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING NATURE OF TURKISH ATTENDEES- WHETHER TECHNICIANS, POLITICIANS, ETC. (THIS WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PANEL MEMBERS).

3. DR. JONES' OFFICE SENDING BIO MATERIAL VIA OPEN MAIL (AND DUPLICATES VIA AIR POUCH) TO EMBASSY AS REQUESTED. ROGERS

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